

There are honorable lawyers who represent railroads, but they confine themselves to their legal duties. I have referred only to those who sell their political and personal influence and who lobby legislatures and judges and seek to control conventions and nominations in the interest of these great aggregations of wealth. The public know well the difference between the two classes.

Judge Clark has been an able and faithful public servant. No one has charged that he is incompetent, corruptible or lacking in devotion to the public welfare. It is exactly because he is able and incorruptible, and stands for the rights of the people, these repeated and slanderous attacks are made by the great corporations in their efforts to tear him down because he stands in the way of their free license to plunder. If they can remove such faithful guardians of the public welfare as he at their will, our condition will be worse and more unbearable than under the carpet-bag regime of unhallowed and damnable memory.

As an advocate of the right of the people to select their own public servants without the corporations' dictation or control, I submit these facts, which are known to all men, or the proof of which is available to all, to the candid, honest masses of my fellow citizens, who know that there is nothing which will effect them more closely, vitally and injuriously than the packing of our Supreme Court with men who can be swayed by corporate influence. That influence will be great if the new judges, who are yet untried, can be pointed to the fate of Judge Clark as an instance of the people's ingratitude and forgetfulness of their friends and of the power of the great corporations to destroy a Judge who withstands them. For one I do not believe that the people of North Carolina will forget Judge Clark nor abandon him to the tender mercies of the enemies he has made solely by standing up for their rights.

Respectfully,
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